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OFFICE OF PETITIONS

In re Application of
BAYOUMI et al.
Application No. 10/040,407
Filed: December 28, 2001
Attorney Docket No.
ABTT-0266/B010130

DECISION GRANTING PETITION
UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(b)

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed August 13, 2003, to revive the present nonprovisional application for failure to timely notify the U.S. Patent and Trademark (USPTO) of the filing of an application in a foreign country, or under a multinational treaty that requires publication of applications eighteen months after filing. See 37 CFR 1.137(f).

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The present nonprovisional application became the subject of an application filed in the PCT Office on December 19, 2002. However, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office was unintentionally not notified of this filing within 45 days subsequent to the filing of the PCT application.

In view of the above, this application became abandoned pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(iii) and 37 CFR 1.213(c) for failure to timely notify the Office of the filing of an application in a foreign country or under a multilateral international agreement that requires publication of applications 18 months after filing.

A petition to revive an application abandoned pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(iii) for failure to notify the USPTO of a foreign filing must be accompanied by:

(1) the required reply which is met by the notification of such filing in a foreign country or under a multinational treaty;

(2) the petition fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(m);
and

(3) a statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date of the reply until the filing of a grantable petition was unintentional.

The present petition has been found to be in compliance with 37 CFR 1.137(b). Accordingly, the failure to timely notify the USPTO of a foreign or international filing within 45 days after the date of filing of such foreign or international application as provided by 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(iii) and 37 CFR 1.213(c) is accepted as having been unintentionally delayed.

The previous Request and Certification under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i) has been rescinded. A Communication Regarding Rescission of Nonpublication Request and/or Notice of Foreign Filing, which sets forth the projected publication date of March 4, 2004, accompanies this decision on petition.

This application is being forwarded to Technology Center Art Unit 2125 for examination in due course.

Any inquiries concerning this decision may be directed to the undersigned at (703) 306-5589.

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Enclosure: Communication Regarding Rescission of Nonpublication Request and/or Notice of Foreign Filing